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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTS--SPAIN

SUMMARY: EARLY SPANISH PRESS REACTION TO THE RECENT PUBLICATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT ON SPAIN HAS BEEN GENERALLY OBJECTIVE AND FACTUAL. JUDGING FROM THE TONE ADOPTED SO FAR, THE REPORT MAY WELL NOT BECOME A SIGNIFICANT ISSUE IN THE MEDIA. THE SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTRY'S DIRGEN FOR NORTH AMERICAN & PACIFIC AFFAIRS (DURAN), IN A CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF FOLLOWING HIS REVIEW OF THE LOCAL PRESS, SEEMED SOMEWHAT REASSURED. (HE HAD NOT YET SEEN THE TEXT OF THE REPORT.) END SUMMARY.

1. MADRID'S WIDELY-READ PROGRESSIVE DAILY "EL PAIS" (15 MARCH) VIEWED THE REPORT AS "FAVORABLE" TO THE GOVT OF SPAIN, EVEN THOUGH THE PAPER NOTED THAT ONLY SPAIN, OF THE WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, WAS CATEGORIZED AS "PARTIALLY FREE" RATHER THAN "FREE." THE "PANORAMIC VIEW" OF THE REPORT WAS DESCRIBED AS NONCRITICAL, AND AS REPRESENTING "ANOTHER PROOF OF THE RECENTLY REITERATED STRONG SUPPORT OF THE US ADMINISTRATION FOR THE SPANISH DEMOCRATIC

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PROCESS."

2. THE MORE OPPOSITION-MINDED MADRID LEFT-OF-CENTER DAILY "DIARIO 16" (MARCH 14) RAN THE STORY UNDER HEADLINE "LIBERTIES IN SPAIN NOT TOTALLY CLEAN." THE REPORT WAS VIEWED AS CRITICAL OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN SPAIN, BUT THE LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT WHICH CAUSED IT TO BE WRITTEN WAS CLEARLY

STATED. THE LANGUAGE OF THE REPORT WAS DESCRIBED AS "NEUTRAL AND COLD, CLEARLY ORIENTED SO AS NOT TO OFFEND THE COUNTRY ANALYZED."

3. MADRID INDEPENDENT "INFORMACIONES" (MARCH 14) CARRIED A REPORT BY ITS N.Y. CORRESPONDENT UNDER THE TITLE, "DISARRAY IN THE FOREIGN POLICY OF THE U.S.," IN WHICH PUBLICATION OF THE REPORT WAS SEEN AS A SYMPTOM. SPAIN WAS MENTIONED ALMOST CASUALLY, AS "NOT ON THE BLACK LIST" OF COUNTRIES VIOLATING HUMAN RIGHTS.

4. PRO-GOVT "ARRIBA" OF MADRID (MARCH 15) ALONE IN MADRID RAN THE OFFICIAL SPANISH WIRE SERVICE ACCOUNT, WHICH WAS MATTER-OF-FACT, BUT IN DOING SO CHOSE THE HEADLINE, "SPAIN--A PARTIALLY FREE COUNTRY."

5. THERE HAS BEEN NO EDITORIAL COMMENT YET. EATON

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